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For: METHOD OF COVERING A FLOWER POT OR FLORAL GROUPING

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**List of Sections Forming Part of This  
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The following sections are being submitted for this Information Disclosure Statement:

1.  Preliminary Statements
2.  FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (formerly Form PTO-1449)
3.  Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need Be Submitted
4.  Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement
5.  Identification of Person(s) Making this Information Disclosure Statement

## **Section 1.        Preliminary Statements**

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications or other information of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of this application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

The filing of this information disclosure statement shall not be construed as a representation that a search has been made (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(g)), an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability or that no other material information exists.

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## **Section 2.        FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (Modified)**

A completed Form PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B is attached hereto.  
 No Form PTO/SB/08A and/or 08B is attached.

## **Section 3.        Identification of Prior Application in Which Listed Information Was Already Cited and for Which No Copies are Submitted or Need Be Submitted**

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. § 120, on the earlier filing date of prior application **U.S. Serial No. 10/366,738, filed on February 14, 2003.**

## **Section 4.        Copies of Listed Information Items Accompanying this Statement.**

Legible copies of all items listed in FORM PTO/SB/08A AND 08B (Modified) accompany this information disclosure statement.

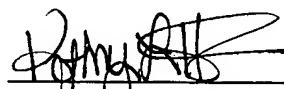
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The person making this statement is the attorney who signs below on the basis of the information:

- supplied by the inventor(s)
- supplied by an individual associated with the filing and prosecution of this application (37 C.F.R. § 1.56(c)).
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	AD	1,525,015		Weeks	02/03/1925	
	AE	1,610,652		Bouchard	12/14/1926	
	AF	1,697,751		Blake	01/01/1929	
	AG	1,818,198		Davis	08/11/1931	
	AH	1,868,283		Fleischer	07/19/1932	
	AI	1,962,722		Krueger	06/12/1934	
	AJ	2,028,878		Rider	01/28/1936	
	AK	2,094,349		Carlson	09/28/1937	
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	AM	2,294,670		Krueger	09/01/1942	
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	AP	2,377,295		Cook	05/29/1945	
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	AR	2,469,030		Brown	05/03/1949	
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	EA	Speed Cover Brochure, "The Simple Solution For Those Peak Volume Periods"; Highland Supply Corporation; copyright 1989.			
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	EC	3M Brochure "Scotch ATG Adhesive Systems".			
	ED	"Post-it"; 3M Corp.; Self-stick removable notes - little sheets of paper connected with adhesive strips to form a pad.			
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	EG	Adhesives Handbook; J. Shields; pages 260, 345 & 346; 1970.			
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